Statement II

Statement indicating reported number of deaths due to AIDS during last three years till 30th June 2003,

SI. No.	Year	Deaths
1.	2000	536
2.	2001	1088
3.	2002	892
4.	Till 30th June, 2003	415
	TOTAL:	2931

Allopathic and ISM&H Institutions

1551. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the institutions set up by Government during last three years in the field of Ayurveda, Homoeopathy, Allopathy and Naturopathy;

(b) if so, the location-wise details thereof; and

(c) the necessary funds allocated and actually utilized for the purpose during this period?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) No new Institution has been set up by the Central Government in the fields of Ayurveda, Homoeopathy and Naturopathy during last three years. However, a Medical College named Vardhman Mahavir Medical College has been established at Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi at the end of the year 2001 at an estimated cost of Rs. 81.59 crores be completed in 3 years.

Dropsy cases

1552. SHRI R.R GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a large number of dropsy cases, due to reported consumption of adulterated mustard oil, have

been reported in a number of States, including Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Karnataka and Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the results of any inquiry conducted into these cases; and

(c) the details of the steps taken to coordinate with the State Governments to check further production and sale of the adulterated mustard oil?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) The Government of M.P. has reported that consumption of mustard oil adulterated with argemore oil has led to around 347 dropsy cases from Shivpuri and 133 cases from Sheopur districts.

(b) and (c) A Central team comprising of a clinician, epidemiologist and toxicologist visited the Districts of Shivpuri and Sheopur of Madhya Pradesh and confirmed that persons affected were suffering from dropsy.

The Central team advised the State Government that Health workers should make house to house visits and pick up the patients who have shown dropsy symptoms in order to detect the cases and ensure their proper management and symptomatic treatment. They should also ban the sale of loose edible oil.

The team has reported that the Govt, of Madhya Pradesh has:

(i) banned the sale of loose oil.

(ii) Management of cases is being done in the district hospitals and serious cases are referred to Medical College, Gwalior.

The Central Government has also informed all the State/UT Governments, about the incidence of dropsy reported in Madhya Pradesh. They have been alerted, so that they may take necessary steps to prevent occurrence of dropsy in their States.

HIV tests

1553. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that free HIV test for pregnant women would be soon made an option;